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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : International Business Machines Corporation
IMPLEMENTING A SHARED MESSAGE : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
QUEUE USING A LIST STRUCTURE : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are references that may be deemed pertinent to the examination of this application. Copies of the cited references are also enclosed.

The XES component (112) referenced in the specification appeared in Version 2, Release 9 of

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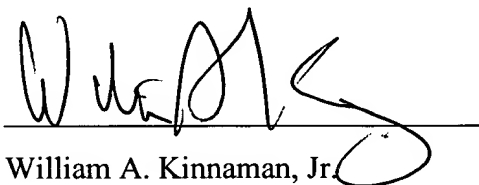
the IBM operating system OS/390. Release 9 became generally available March 31, 2000, as detailed in a Software Announcement (200-030) dated February 29, 2000, cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449). Release 9 was also mentioned as a future release in an earlier Software Announcement (299-234) for Release 8, dated August 24, 1999 and cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. However, as indicated on page 14 of the 2000 Software Announcement, Release 9 could not be ordered until March 17, 2000. Accordingly, Release 9 of OS/390 was not "on sale" under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) before March 17, 2000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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